

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

May 26, 2022

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Board of Elections office at 945 N. Main Street, Suite A, Lexington, North Carolina 27292.

Mr. Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with the following members present: Belinda Clark, Secretary and Board Members Kathy Wall and Chad Freeman. Mr. Johnson was absent from the meeting. Director Andrew Richards and Deputy Director Adam Moore were present along with one visitor.

Ms. Clark read the minutes from the May 16, 2022 board meeting. Mr. Freeman made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

Ms. Clark read the minutes from the May 17, 2022 board meeting. Ms. Wall made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Mr. Freeman. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with 31 Civilian Absentee Ballot Return Envelopes that were returned for the May 17, 2022 Primary Election to be reviewed and approved by the board. After review of the Absentee Ballot Return Envelopes, Ms. Clark made a motion to accept the 31 Absentee Ballots and seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with 2 Civilian Absentee Ballot Return Envelopes that did not meet the necessary requirements for approval. After review of the Absentee Ballot Return Envelopes, Ms. Clark made a motion to reject the 2 Absentee Ballots and seconded by Mr. Freeman. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with 1 Military Absentee Ballot Return packet that was returned for the May 17, 2022 Primary Election to be reviewed and approved by the board. After review, Ms. Clark made a motion to accept the 1 Military Absentee Ballot Return packet and seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with 1 Overseas Absentee Ballot Return packet that was returned for the May 17, 2022 Primary Election to be reviewed and approved by the board. After review, Ms. Clark made a motion to accept the 1 Overseas Absentee Ballot Return packet and seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with 1 Absentee Ballot to have its approval revoked. The board previously approved the Absentee Ballot, but the voter also voted as his precinct on Election Day. Ms. Clark made the motion to revoke approval for Absentee Ballot CIV-362 and was seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

The Board was presented with all Civilian, Overseas, and Military ballots approved since the May 17, 2022 Board Meeting. The Board conducted the tabulation of approved ballots using the DS200 tabulation machine with signed zero tapes before tabulation and signed results tapes post-tabulation by all present members.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with 1 Provisional Ballot to be considered for rejection since the application was incomplete both by the voter and the poll worker. The voter was sent a voter registration application in the mail to become properly registered. Mr. Freeman made a motion to reject the incomplete Provisional Application and seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with 34 Provisional Ballot Applications with recommendation of approval. Detailed research from staff was provided with each Provisional Application. After review, Mr. Freeman made a motion to accept the 34 Provisional Applications as recommended by staff and seconded by Ms. Clark. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with 5 Provisional Ballot Applications with recommendation of partial approval. Detailed research from staff was provided with each Provisional Application with explanation of how the voter was partially voting outside of their jurisdiction. After review, Mr. Freeman made a motion to accept the 5 Provisional Ballot Applications as partially accepted as recommended by staff. It was seconded by Ms. Wall and unanimously approved. The board, in a bipartisan manner, duplicated the applicable votes to the proper ballot styles and spoiled the original ballots.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with 82 Provisional Ballot Applications with recommendation of rejection. Detailed research was provided with each application by the staff explaining the reason of rejection. After review, Ms. Clark made a motion to reject the 82 Provisional Ballot Applications as recommended by staff and seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

The Board was presented with all accepted and partially accepted Provisional Ballot Applications. The Provisional Ballot Envelopes were unsealed and ballots were tabulated in the DS200 tabulation machine. Zero tapes were signed before tabulation and results tapes were signed post-tabulation by all present members.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with 10 sealed Curbside ballots from Precinct 40 – Municipal that were not tabulated on Election Day. The Curbside Ballot envelopes were unsealed and tabulated in the DS200 tabulation machine. Zero tapes were signed before tabulation and results tapes were signed post-tabulation by all present members.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with two complaints that were filed in relation to the Lexington City Schools Ward 5 School Board election. The written complaints were provided to the Board and briefly discussed. Mr. Freeman recommended that no action take place until a formal Election Protest has been filed to the Board of Elections office. The deadline to file a formal Election Protest is 5:00pm on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. The board agreed with Mr. Freeman's recommendation.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm and seconded by Ms. Clark. It was unanimously approved.

 Belinda Clark, Secretary

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